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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


SAM RIMELL
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

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Preliminary Note: This office action has been made non-final.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rangan (U.S. Patent 6,412,073 in view of Kreiner et al. U.S. Patent 6,295,526).

Claim 1: Rangan discloses a retrieval site connected to the Internet, as illustrated in FIG. 2. The retrieval site is supported by a retrieval server (31 described at col. 4, line 12) and a retrieval database (29 described at col. 4, line 14). The retrieval server is operative to fetch URL data from a plurality of information providing sites (23, 25, 27) and store the URL data for these sites in the retrieval database (29).

The URL data retrieved represents detailed information regarding services. Some of these services are similar services. For example, “My Bank.com”, “My Stocks.com” and “Mortgage.com” each provide financial information, and thus provide similar services.

At this point, a user at an information terminal (17) can input information (the address “Internet Portal.com” as shown in FIG. 2) and the server will transmit the page of Fig. 2 to the information terminal (17) from the server (31). The display of the page of FIG. 2 on the user’s terminal is considered a comparative display of the detailed information, since each URL listed adjacent the other URLs in a comparative manner.

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Rangan differs from the claims in that in that each of the individual listed services are not further annotated with names and/or addresses of the information providing sites. Kreiner et al. teaches that that in a given directory of information (FIGS. 2D-2E), the names of specific websites for specific service providers can be included (FIG. 2D) along with addresses (URLs or e-mail addresses in upper right corner in FIG. 2E).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Rangan to further include specific website addresses and URLs or e-mail to identify addresses so as to provide a user more comprehensive and complete information about a given site as taught by Kreiner et al.

Claim 2: The retrieval server (31) fetches data retrieves information in the form of a listing of web sites (FIG. 2) The name of the site itself is indicative of the services associated with the site.

Claim 3: FIG. 2 illustrates the listing of websites (LBC.com, MyBank.com, etc.) which may be simultaneously searched by the user. Each one of the listed site names is also a hyperlink (col. 5, lines 43-44). The data in FIG. 2 is retrieved from the database 31 (col. 4, lines 19-23). Kreiner et al. also teaches hyperlinks (URLs at FIG. 2E).

Claim 4: In the system of Rangan, the user has a pre-established profile (col. 6, lines 39-42). This profile consists of a listing of passwords and user names established by the user (34 in FIG. 2) which are used to access the listing of sites. This profile is retrieved and called upon whenever the user wants to access these sites.

Remarks

Applicant's arguments are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection. This action is made non-final.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sam Rimell at telephone number (571) 272-4084.

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